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Gen McHugh:

General Clifton came in and asked for the information shown below. Said the President had to have it before the Mikoyan meeting. I wrote up the memo and General Clifton had it in the President's hands about 4:10 or 4:15. (Mikyan met with Pres at 4:30 pm today).

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MEMO FOR GENERAL CLIFTON

SUBJECT: Safety of Flight Crews

Mikoyan flew from Moscow to Prestwick, Scotland, unaccompanied by USAF (or Canadian) safety of flight crew.

At Prestwick, a USAF crew (pilot, navigator, radio operator) joined the Mikoyan plane. One Canadian flight crew member also joined the plane.

At Gander, Newfoundland, the USAF crew was replaced by another USAF crew which brought the party all the way to New York (with the Canadian also on board).

This same USAF crew and the Canadian went with the plane to Cuba. They remained in Cuba during the entire 24 or 25 day Mikoyan visit. They stayed in a hotel there and, I understand, were escorted.

This same USAF crew and the Canadian flew with the plane from Cuba back to New York City.

To cover the New York City to Washington leg of Mikoyan's flight, a USAF crew came from New York to Andrews in a USAF plane, i.e., and are standing by at Andrews.

Reason for these crews joining the Mikoyan plane is (1) to provide safety of flight, with special emphasis on language barriers, and (2) reciprocity--they do the same to us.

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P.S. the above procedure will work in reverse when Mikoyan leaves this country. USAF and Canadian crews will leave the plane at Prestwick.

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